

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—

- (a) 1 Paddy 0—9—0 per para.
 2 Chama 0—6—0 „
 3 Gingelly seed 3—8—0 „
 4 Horse-gram 1—4—0 „
 5 Ragi. There was no sale during the period.

(b) The market prices were not recorded in the Farm.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Sir, may I know why the market prices were not recorded in the Farm?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—These facts are recorded by the Revenue Officers.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—For all the articles?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Not for all the articles. The market price of Ragi, Gingelly seed, etc., are not recorded.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—In the case of paddy was there not any record made by the Revenue Officers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The prices were always published in the Gazette.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—If they are in the Gazette, would it not be furnished in answer to a question?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We thought that that would be well known to everybody.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—With reference to paddy, is it not a fact that on the date mentioned, the price in the Trichur market was only 5 annas 3 pies?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It may have been. We understand that in the Farm the paddy is sold at a higher cost and there is good reason for it.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—In the case of Gingelly seed the price in the market was Rs. 1—12—0, while the Farm price was Rs. 3—8—0.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The same thing applies to all the articles more or less. Because in the Farm these articles are sold not exactly as sold in the bazaar. They are sold in a better shape, for ready use and they are better articles.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Are these paddy and other articles ordinary or are they seeds?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They are not seeds.

Road to Elancheri Hills.

192. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

- (a) the total length of the road sanctioned to be opened near the Adur Railway Gate to the Elancheri Hills;
 (b) how much of this road is already constructed;

(c) is any amount provided for its extension in the budget for the current year; if not, will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for this sad omission?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) About 4 miles.

(b) About $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

(c) No. The omission was due to want of funds and the urgent demand for other works in this village.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government kindly find their way to include some funds next year at least for the road in question?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—They will consider it at the time of the budget.

Vilification—articles.

193. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state what steps they intend taking for the effective prevention of the general vilifications of ladies and gentlemen in which some Cochin publications are now indulging?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Action will be taken as far as possible under the provisions of the Penal Code, provided information is brought to the notice of the authorities concerned about the commission of such offences. Steps are also being taken to amend the Press Regulation.

Vellarappilli Irrigation Scheme.

194. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government undertook the Vellarappilli Irrigation Scheme;

(b) if so, when it was undertaken;

(c) how far it has progressed;

(d) and the total amount spent on the scheme till now?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) In 1105.

(c) The works of opening the canal and installing the machinery have been completed. The installation is now in working order.

(d) Rs. 14,416—11—11.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the total area to be benefited by the scheme?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The scheme will benefit about 800 acres.

Tobacco imports—Vellarappilli.

195. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to state—